

## LEAVES FOR TO SERVE LIBERIA

Maryland Gentlewoman to  
Become Missionary.

MISS RIDGELY, OF HAMPTON

Descended From Two Governors, Accomplished Socially, and Personally Charming—Eager to Go.

Margaretta Sophia Ridgely, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ridgely, of Hampton, Baltimore county, one of the oldest colonial estates in Maryland, has entered the Protestant Episcopal "Daughters' Home in Philadelphia, according to the "Baltimore Sun," in order to prepare herself for service as a missionary to Liberia, West Africa.

Miss Ridgely is the sister of John Ridgely of Hampton, Otto E. Ridgely, and Mrs. J. Southgate Yeaton and Miss Eliza Ridgely, president of the United Women of Maryland. She is about thirty years old, and the determination to enter upon missionary work in Africa is not based upon the caprice of the moment, but upon a conviction formed in early childhood that she was called to this special field of missionary labor. The feeble health of Mrs. Ridgely, who died on March 31 of the present year, prevented her daughter from following what she felt to be her vocation earlier in life.

Descended from two governors of Maryland—Gov. Charles Ridgely and Gov. John Eager Howard—Miss Ridgely comes from a race of men and women who owned estates and slaves from their earliest settlement in Maryland, and the Ridgely family is one of the few families of Baltimore whose old retainers have remained in their service since their emancipation. Some of them, it is said, would follow their beloved mistress "Miss Margie," as she is known to them, to Liberia, were it not for their advanced age.

### An Adept Family.

As the leader of New York's Four Hundred is known by the simple title "Mrs. Astor," so the chief lady of the Hampton estate has long been known by the quiet title "Mrs. Ridgely of Hampton." The Maryland family of Ridgelys bear the same coat-of-arms as the Ridgelys of Staffordshire, England, and the crest of both families is a buck's head. This device is to be found on all the old plate of Hampton. The motto of the Ridgelys of Maryland is "Beware of the Stag."

Robert Ridgely, the progenitor of the Hampton branch of the Ridgelys, is said to have come to Maryland about 1631. He settled in St. Mary's and became an important and distinguished member of the colonial government. On her mother's side Miss Margaretta Sophia Ridgely is descended from the Howards.

### Missionary and Nurse.

The Episcopal Church has had established for fifty years or more a mission post at Cape Palmas, on the west coast of Africa, with a missionary bishop at the head. Bishop Penick, formerly of the Church of the Messiah, recently destroyed by fire, is there, and schools and hospitals have been established.

Cape Palmas is to be the home of Miss Ridgely's future activities. She is fitting herself for service in both lines, but especially does she desire to serve in attendance upon the sick. During the years of her mother's life she has shown unusual capability along lines of religious work.

A clergyman in speaking of her said: "Miss Ridgely possesses to a most remarkable degree the gift of influencing others. Just how that influence is exerted it is impossible to say, since she is most gentle of speech and manner, but people will do anything for her. Her success among mothers' meetings is peculiar, her Sunday school teaching has been remarkably productive of good, and she leaves a field of assured usefulness in Baltimore to enter upon a work to which she feels she has been called and from which her friends, much as they will regret her going, do not feel they have the right to dissuade her. Her character is of the strongest as well as the most gentle and deeply religious."

### Not a Paradise.

Liberia, it will be mentioned in passing, is a negro republic on the grain coast of west Africa. It is bounded on the north by French Guinea, on the east by the French Ivory coast, on the south-west by the Atlantic, and on the west by Sierra Leone. The coast line is about 300 miles long, the area about 25,000 square miles. Only the coast strip, with an average width of seven miles, is developed and administered. It is swampy and flat. The interior is elevated and clothed with forests. The hill land is productive and healthy, and some gold has been found there. The climate is regarded as the hottest known on the globe, but not considered as so dangerous to the white man as the fever of Sierra Leone, where the deadly African fever abounds. June is the coolest and January the hottest month of the year.

The republic is modeled after that of the United States, all men being considered equal as to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, but the right of voting is only accorded to those of negro blood, who must also own real estate.

### An American Product.

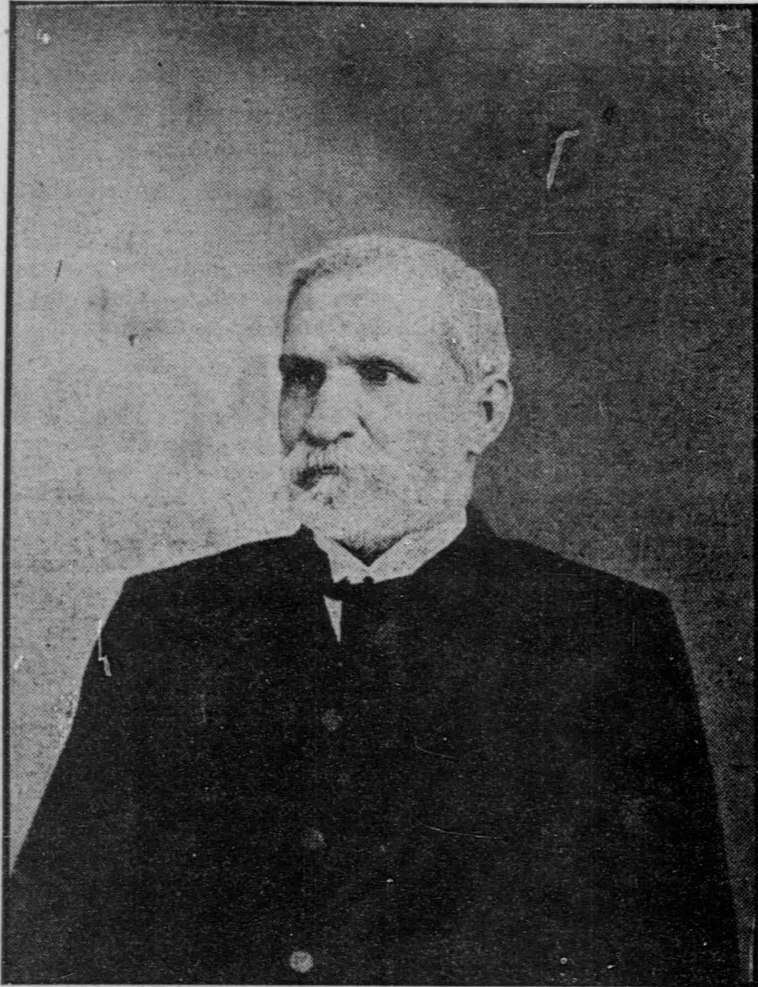
Liberia owes its origin to the efforts of the National Colonization Society of America, organized in 1816 for the purpose of colonizing in Africa the free people of color in the United States. In 1847 Liberia was left to its own resources and declared an independent republic, after which time the colony began to show more prosperity. Missionary churches and schools were founded, a regular postal system was introduced, newspapers were established and slavery in the neighboring states was abolished. The present United States minister there is the Rev. Ernest Lyon, colored, who was formerly pastor of a church in South Baltimore.

### THE SULTAN OF JOHORE.

The Sultan of Johore, who is spending a holiday in Europe, knows his way about London pretty well by this time. So did his father. The latter died here, and the son would have been better off had his father remained at home and looked more closely after his dominions. As it was, the new Sultan had a pile of the paternal debts to liquidate before he could call his patrimony his own. It is no mean estate which he inherited. Johore is the only Malay State in the Malay Peninsula which is not responsible to the British government for the conduct of its private affairs. It comprises an area of some 9,000 square miles, and has a population of 250,000. The Sultan is taking steps to develop his resources by having a railway cut through the virgin forests of his country. Only the hardy congruous with the story circulated in the papers a month or two ago of his going on the stage—London St. James' Gazette.

## Obaldia Sharp Contrast To M. Bunau-Varilla

DON JOSE DOMINGO OBALDIA.



The new minister from Panama who will arrive in Washington early next month.

### New Minister of Panama Has None of the Electric Qualities of Former Representative of the Infant Republic.

Don Jose Domingo Obaldia, the new minister from Panama to the United States, will be a sharp contrast to M. Bunau-Varilla, the Frenchman who first represented the "baby republic" in Washington.

Senior Obaldia will arrive here early in June. He is of old Spanish stock, about sixty years of age, and owns one of the largest cattle ranches on the isthmus. He played an exciting part in the revolution which resulted in the overthrow of Colombian rule, being governor of the province of Panama at the time.

Ostensibly Obaldia was loyal to Colombia endeavoring to suppress the uprising to the best of his ability. The revolutionists made quick work of getting him out of the way, however, by locking him up in his room for five days. Evidently the people of Panama did not resent his interference, as in the recent organization of the government they made him vice president and have now given him the diplomatic post in Washington.

Diplomatists feel a particular interest in greeting the new minister, as the first representative of Panama in Washington made a meteoric record which is not likely to be forgotten. M. Bunau-Varilla arrived in Washington with carried credentials in his pocket, and with lightning rapidity accomplished his complete recognition. He was thoroughly French in every respect, and had a

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Foreigners Who Had Long Planned  
Visits to America Seize  
Opportunity.

NEW YORK, May 14.—In spite of the gloomy predictions of steamship agents and others several months ago, travelers are beginning again to cross the Atlantic in large numbers, and the outlook is now for a much better season in ocean travel.

Especially true is it that large numbers of foreigners are coming to America nowadays. Indeed, never in the history of steamships have so many European tourists been arriving in America as at present.

### Due to Fair.

Steamship men agree that the St. Louis Fair is largely responsible for this foreign "invasion." Travelers themselves say that they have long planned the trip to America, and the exposition has furnished them with a good excuse, for there is hardly any of them who has not contemplated a visit to Niagara Falls, to Washington, and to Chicago, while many will go as far west as San Francisco.

Speaking of the outlook for the summer, Gustav H. Schwab, of the North German Lloyd Line, said:

"Our experience is that traffic will be larger than last year. It is surprising how within the last three months the demand has picked up, and the booking is greater than ever." "Until Boas, of the Hamburg-American Line, said: 'Everything with us is now filled until the first week in July. The season was slow in opening, but people as a rule go later to Europe now than formerly. The increase in western travel is due to the St. Louis Fair, and the large bulk of the travelers are coming from Germany.'"

### Outgoing Travel Poor.

An official of the International Mercantile Marine Company said that bookings had been poor up to the middle of this month, but for June they were quite good.

"There is no doubt but this is an off year," said this official. "The St. Louis Fair will keep at home many of that class who have just so much vacation money to spend, and political conventions and the election will have their effect on others." "While our steamers are not entirely filled, the demand for cabins is constantly on the increase," said a Cunard official, "and we anticipate a good summer trade."

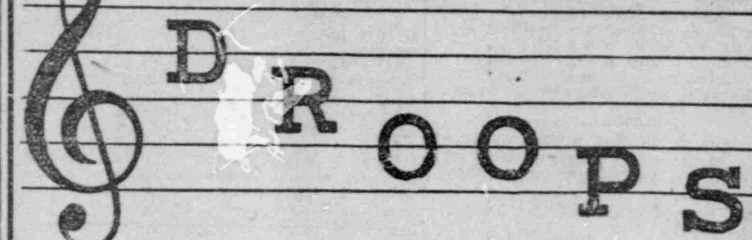
One of the managers of the French Line said that his company was doing much better than was expected a month ago.

### BLOODY FIGHT BETWEEN ARMENIANS AND TURKS.

GENEVA, Switzerland, May 14.—The "Gazette de Lausanne" has received a telegram from Bitlis, Asiatic Turkey, confirming reports of fighting between Turks and Armenians.

According to these advices about 700 Turks and 900 Armenians were killed. The locality of the fight is not given, but probably was in the Sassoun district of Armenia.

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